

**LOS ALAMITOS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER**

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OCCUPATION: Retired Teacher

Los Alamitos has a good school district. But “good” is not “good enough”. Every child deserves no less than the best. Becoming and remaining the best requires well-trained and top quality teachers with high expectations for their students. We have that. It requires engaged parents committed to preparing their children for the rigors of a top quality education. We have that. And it requires the support of a business community that sees the link between economic health and top quality schools. And we have that. A great school district also requires a school board with the will and courage to listen to every voice and partner with every stakeholder on the road to greatness. Teachers, parents and the board must work as partners to determine spending priorities, instructional programs and safety and discipline policies. We must prepare more students for top tier universities but we must also prepare students to enter the work force with skills necessary to keep the community and democracy vibrant and healthy. Every student must learn the value of a hard day’s work. As a former teacher, I ask for your support in my quest to make our district the very best.